



IN THE SPECIFICATION

At Page 7, Line 11 of the original specification, please make the following changes:

In FIG. 4, a length of strands on one end of a cable ~~have~~ has been exposed. This length naturally has a free end and a fixed end which is affixed to the cable itself. The free end can be bent and flexed, while the fixed end is generally held in place by the cable. Cable **10** has been passed upward through upper barrier **26** (which may conventionally be attached to a jig or fixture). The free end of exposed strands **14** have then been splayed by conventional means into the form of splayed strands **24**. The fixed end merges into the cylindrical shape of the cable. Upper barrier **26** and lower barrier **28** are then moved together to clamp over splayed strands **24**. FIG. 5 shows upper barrier **26** and lower barrier **28** holding splayed strands **24** (Throughout this disclosure, the terms “upper” and “lower” will be understood to refer only to the orientations shown in the views, and not to any limitation on the scope of the invention. The devices shown can obviously be applied in many different orientations.).